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**STATUS INQUIRY**

An Amendment in response to the Official Action mailed February 8, 2005 was filed on February 25, 2005. However, since then applicant has not received any communication from the Patent Office. The application should be in condition for allowance in view of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences' Decision dated September 30, 2004 and the Amendment filed February 25, 2005. Inquiry is made as to when a Notice of Allowance will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

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